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Applicant(s): Hans Ulrich STILZ *et al.* Confirmation No. 3219
Appl. No.: 09/995,631 Group Art Unit: 1653
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Title: NOVEL HETEROCYCLES AS INHIBITORS OF LEUCOCYTE
ADHESION AND AS VLA-4 ANTAGONISTS

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respond herein to the Office Action mailed March 18, 2004, a response to which is due June 18, 2004. Applicants do not believe that any fees are required. In the event that this is not correct, Applicants request such extension of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 08-1641.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.